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Sign up! Summer Reading for All Ages at Eugene Public Library

Eugene Public Library's [Summer Reading](#) program helps kids keep their reading skills up while school's out, learn new ideas, and try new things. This year's theme is "Get in the Game!" and all ages are welcome to join in the fun.



Children, teens, and adults can visit any Eugene Public Library location - Downtown, Sheldon, or Bethel - to sign up. Kids and teens each get to choose a free book to keep, courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Each time they visit the Library, children can also enter a raffle for family passes to City of Eugene pools or local museums.

Adults get a free flashdrive and a coupon for a free coffee from Novella Cafe or \$1.00 off a purchase at Second Hand Prose Book Store, both located at the Downtown Library. Also, adults and teens can write book reviews on the Library website for chances in free raffles for gift cards.

A full summer of free events for all ages will include hands-on workshops, maker activities, live music, author talks, storytelling, the annual Teddy Bear Picnic, and lots more.

For more information, visit www.eugene-or.gov/library or call Eugene Public Library at 541-682-5450.

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Eugene Outdoors is Activating the Power of Parks

The Parks and Open Space volunteer program is new and improved and has set its sights squarely on activating the boundless power of parks. Previously, the program was called Eugene Park Stewards and was focused primarily on projects that attempted to bridge the growing gap in park operations. After several years with this focus, coordinators on the team learned volunteers may not always be the best way to effectively bridge this gap. They also understood the work could sometimes feel less than rewarding for returning volunteers. In order to keep the Eugene community actively engaged, the program needed to shift in a way that could get the necessary work done in parks and bring the party back to the work party. The refocused program is now called Eugene Outdoors to reflect its vibrant new energy. Its purpose is to build social connections, stronger neighborhoods and park advocacy by offering layered and enriching volunteer adventures.

With this focus on the volunteer's experience, flexible opportunities were created. Volunteers can work with the team to create projects custom fit to their time and expertise; adopt their neighborhood park for the year; or join a monthly family-friendly volunteer event. Whether a volunteer has time to give a few hours, a few weeks or for years to come – Eugene Outdoors has a way for everyone to plug in and make a difference. "The outdoors is such a big part of being a student at the UO and living in Eugene that it only seems right to volunteer in parks" says Colin Petitt, UO Phi Kappa Psi chapter president.

To get started, visit www.eugene-or.gov/parks to view the full calendar of events and learn more about the custom volunteer experiences available. Or, jump in at the next monthly event on June 18 at Sladden Park. Help spruce up this lovely spot near the riverfront and stay for the after-party. For more information, please contact Carrie Peterson, Eugene Outdoors Supervisor, 541-682-4814, carrie.a.peterson@ci.eugene.or.us.



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